

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claims 1-7 (canceled)

1 Claim 8 (previously presented): A method of operating a speech processing facility
2 coupled to the Internet, the method comprising the steps of:
3 receiving speech data transmitted over the Internet;
4 performing a speech recognition operation using the received speech
5 data;
6 performing an action based on the results of the speech recognition
7 operation performed using the received speech information, including initiating a
8 telephone call using a telephone number associated with a name recognized by
9 performing said speech recognition operation;
10 initiating an additional telephone call to a telephone where the human being who
11 was the source of speech corresponding to said speech data can be contacted; and
12 bridging said telephone call and said additional telephone call.
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1 Claim 9 (original): The method of claim 8, further comprising the step of:
2 receiving via the Internet said telephone number where the human
3 being who was the source of speech corresponding to said speech data can be
4 contacted.

Claims 10-22 (canceled)

1 Claim 23 (currently amended): A method of operating a speech processing facility
2 coupled to the Internet, the method comprising the steps of:
3 receiving speech data transmitted over the Internet;
4 receiving a contact telephone number corresponding to a telephone at
5 which a human being who was the source of the received speech can be contacted;

6 performing a speech recognition operation using the received speech
7 data;
8 performing an action based on the results of the speech recognition
9 operation performed using the received speech information, including controlling a
10 telephony device ~~as a function of recognized speech~~, wherein the telephony device is
11 coupled to the Internet and a telephone line and wherein the telephony device is
12 controlled to perform ~~a dialing operation operations as a function of recognized~~
13 ~~speech~~;
14 ~~receiving a telephone number from said remote speech processing~~
15 ~~facility; and~~
16 causing the device to initiate a telephone call by dialing a telephone
17 number determined by the speech recognition operation;
18 ~~initiating a~~ causing the device to initiate an additional telephone call
19 by dialing the received contact telephone number; ~~and wherein when the first~~
20 ~~device fails to recognize any words in the first vocabulary in said received~~
21 ~~speech, the first device further performs the step of:~~
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23 causing the device to bridge said telephone call and said additional
24 telephone call ~~transmitting to the remote speech processing facility a contact~~
25 ~~telephone number corresponding to a telephone at which a human being who~~
26 ~~was the source of the received speech can be contacted.~~

Claims 24-30 (canceled)